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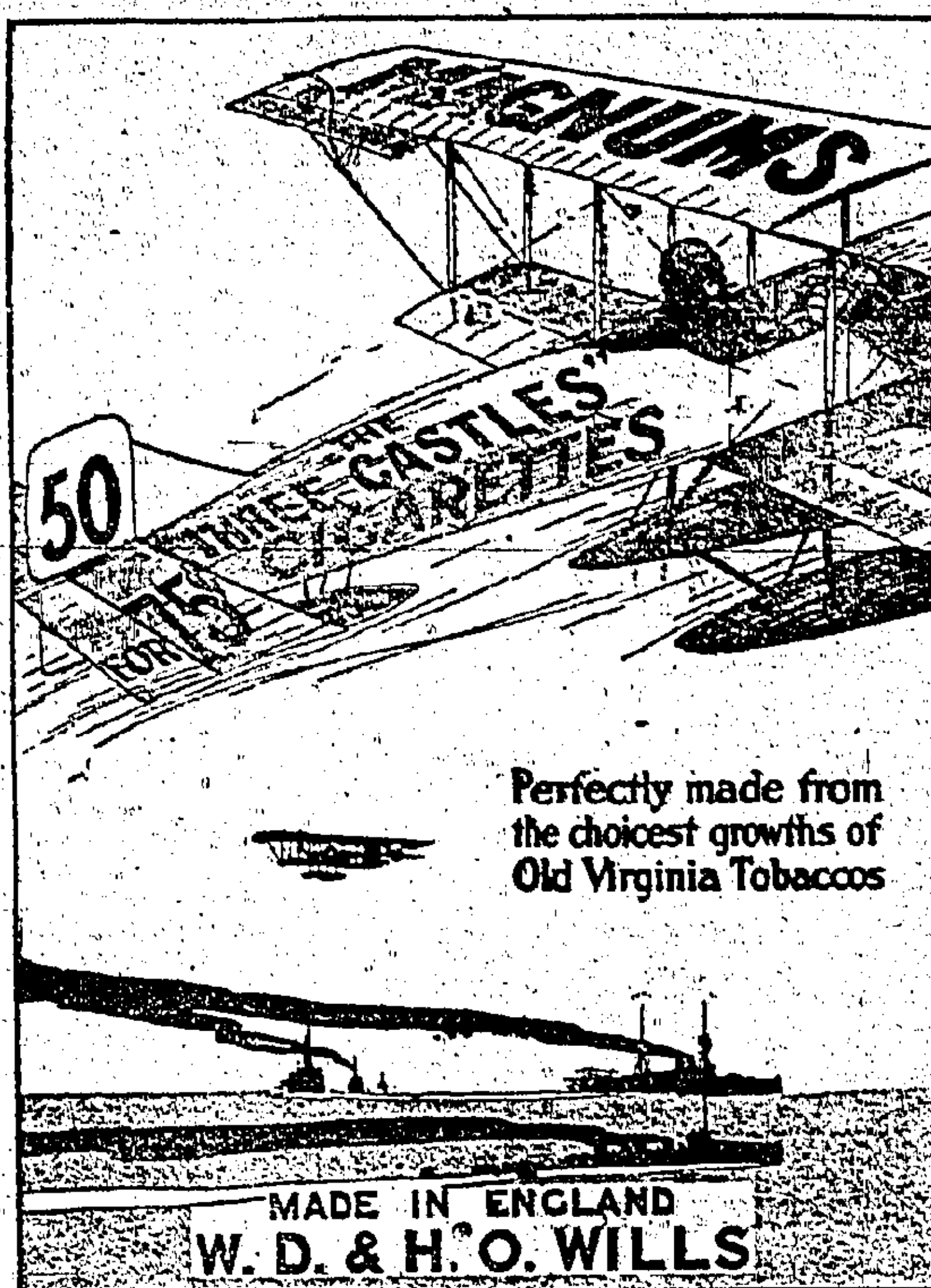
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EXAGGERATED CLAIMS.

Some light is now being thrown upon
the German's bluff that they could bomb-
ard Dover from Calais. In an article
which the "Gazette de Hollande" pub-
lishes, it is asserted that the carrying
power of the German 42 centimetre howitz-
ers is one-third more than the space
between the English and French coasts at
the point where they most nearly approach
each other. It is added, however, that
such a claim could not be relied upon at so
great a distance, and that it would be
impossible to know what damage had
been done unless the German aeroplanes
hovered over the English coast.
Twenty thousand yards, or about
twelve miles, is given as the extreme
range at which the giant guns can be re-
garded as weapons of precision.The howitzers, it is said, each travel in
three parts, and railway lines are used to
the utmost extent for their transporta-
tion. All the enormous weight of one gun is
disintegrated during such journeys on twelve
axles. When the railway can do no more
the howitzers are unloaded and placed on
road carriages, which when put in motion
make an ear-splitting noise owing to the
scratching of the wheels and axles under
the tremendous pressure.These destroyers of fortresses have a
special guard of cavalry, infantry, and
machine-gun detachments. It is their duty
to see that the weapon and its crew get
safely away without becoming necessary
to retreat. But they would probably have
a hopeless task if a British was caught in
the vortex of a rout. A 42, with its haul-
age power and personnel, is stated to cover
close on three-quarters of a mile when on
the march, and it would form a block to
the free passage of troops and transport.This article in the "Gazette" assures us
that these howitzers are not such delicate
playthings as has been generally supposed.
To place the life of one of them at 150 rounds
is declared to be an understatement; but
even such a number of rounds would be an
expensive luxury, as the cost of each is
reckoned to be £2,400.

AN EXPERT'S VIEW.

It is possible that the above bare state-
ment may cause alarm to many timid
people, especially if they happen to live on
our southern coast, opposite Calais. For,
although it is not claimed for the monster
German gun that it can accurately place a
shell in and beyond Dover, the suggestion
that it can place one on our soil at all goes
beyond anything that has so far been
imagined possible. In order to obtain the
very best opinion on the matter, a repre-
sentative of "The Daily Telegraph" ob-
tained from a very high authority on guns
and gunnery recently a carefully consid-
ered survey of the facts as they are known.
In his own words this gentleman said:
"The two large German howitzers of
which was known anything are the 42-
centimetre (16½ in.) and the 42 centimetre
(16½ in.). It is very doubtful in the latter
was employed at Liège and Namur.
General Michel, commanding the 4th
Belgian Division, thought they were not,
and that it was the 28-centimetre that
ruined the forts. We have full details of
the 11.2 in. gun; but little information
about the 16.5 in.""The 11.2 in. is fired from a heavy
wheeled carriage, but a concrete platform
is an immense advantage. The shell
weighs 100 lb., and the bursting charge is
14 lb. The length of the howitzer is 11 ft.
3 in. The muzzle velocity is 1,100 feet
per second, and the full range is roughly
between six and seven miles."

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ly both Germany and Austria have a small
number of them. Judging from the 11.2 in.,
the 16.8 in. would fire a shell weigh-
ing 2,600 lb., with a bursting charge
of 380 lb. The length of the weapon
would be about 16 ft. 9 in. The muzzle
velocity might be about 1,300 feet per second,
and the extreme range about 14,000 yards
—say, about eight miles. I do not think
it can be greater, and the accuracy at ex-
treme range would be very poor. I do not
think this howitzer could be used without
a very strong concrete platform which had
been allowed a considerable time to set."This howitzer must weigh at least 21
tons with the breech action, and its total
weight in action must be at least 50 tons."

GERMAN ATROCITIES.

The following information came to Singa-
pore by private letter and the atrocities
were certified by reliable witnesses,
amongst whom were two French soldiers of
the 1st Foreign Regiment. They took him
to the Belgian border, occupied by the Prussian
Imperial Guards, lived a poor woman with
three small children. The Germans entered
her house and arrested her husband, a non-
combatant, suspected of having given in-
formation to the French. They took him
into the courtyard, and shot him. The
woman threw herself before the command-
ing officer, a major, and entreated him to
have pity on her children, who would
starve if their father was taken from them.
The officer was touched, and whispered to
his soldiers to let the prisoner go. Half an
hour later, a German General rushed into
the room, inquired about the incident,
called the major, accused him of weakness
and treason, and degraded him on the spot.
In the presence of his soldiers, pulling off
his decorations. He ordered the French
prisoner to be arrested again and executed
at once. The woman then implored him
on her knees, to be merciful, crying:
"How will I feed my eight small children,
if you kill their father?" "Is that all that
troubles you?" shouted the general. "I
have found a remedy," and pulling out his
revolver, he shot the wife of the unfortunate
children through the head. "Now," he
said, "you will have only three to feed and
provide for."Instructions have been issued by the
Home Office that the whole of the East
Coast and many towns on the South Coast
are to be prohibited to Germans and
Austrians. Perhaps Mr. Mark Sheridan
will forgive us, says the "Globe," if we
rearrange an old song of his own for
use of the ejected ones. As thus:—
"I did like to be beside the sea-side;
I did like to spy beside the sea;
I made folks wonder on the prom—prom
Where these Germans got information
from.
So do let me be beside the sea-side;
They'll be so glad beside the Spree.
For there's a warty a trick I've tried
With these warships on the tide
Beside the sea-side
Beside the sea."The Man Who
Gets ThereIs the man who has blood—
real rich red blood and
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The Paris "Gaulois" prints a graphic
description of the annihilation during one
of the earlier phases of the present battle
of one of the crack regiments of the
famous Prussian Guard. This regiment,
it appears, had been told off to take a
certain French position, cost what it
might.In advance of the French lines, at the
village of D—, a large body of African
troops had constructed defences works of
the most extensive and ingenious nature.
The Prussians came forward to the sound
of their drums and files, and the Afri-
cans, preserving dead silence, allowed
them to advance until their front rank
men began to cut the wire of the en-
tanglements. Then a bugle rang out,
and there was a word of command. The
rifles spoke, and the first line of the
attacking regiment went down. The
second line waited, and the voices of
the officers uttering orders could be
heard. The Guardsmen broke into the
charge. The Africans, as calm as if they
were on the parade ground, opened a
terrible independent fire, each picking his
man. The second line, the third, the
fourth fell as the first had done. Of the
regiment that had been the Kaiser's pride
there soon remained but three men, who
fought on like heroes. Finally there was
left a single Lieutenant, who remained
an instant above the awful human debris
about him. A last bullet whistled
through the air. The officer staggered
sharply back. The Crown Prince's reg-
iment—for the Prince had been in the
Colonel-in-Chief—was no more.

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J. A. HUNTER,

Hon. Secretary,

Hongkong, December 9, 1914. 1291

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Revenue Marine Department £282,892

Other Receipts £430,193

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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

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MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.
Change of Programme at the Victoria Theatre.

MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 12—
Hongkong Cricket Club at home to Craighower.
9 p.m.—Boxing Tournament at the City Hall.

SUNDAY, December 13—
8 a.m.—Excursion to Macao.

MONDAY, December 14—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
5.15 p.m.—Organ Recital at St. John's Cathedral.

TUESDAY, December 15—
2.30 p.m.—Sale of Work at St. Paul's College in aid of the Y.V.C.A.

WEDNESDAY, December 16—
Christmas Day.

THURSDAY, December 17—
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She China Mail
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, Dec. 10, 1914.

WHY GERMANY HATES ENGLAND.

From many quarters it is becoming more and more evident that Germany's hatred of England and everything English is of a most venomous nature. Previous to the war, it was, of course, well known that Germans looked upon the English as their serious rivals in commerce and as the nation that, more than any other, prevented them from attaining the expansion they so earnestly longed for. England, as a matter of fact, more placed any kind of obstacle, direct or indirect, in the path of German colonial expansion, than any other nation. What caused the Germans' chagrin was simply that England had for many generations before the present millennium German Empire was realised, built up with unexampled success in the world's history an overseas Empire of vast proportions. Germany, growing great in wealth and in scientific achievement, was embittered by her comparatively small success as a coloniser and apprehensive of the fact that the vast numbers of German immigrants to Anglo-Saxon lands were gradually absorbed by these countries. These are among the most potent of the reasons of German hatred of England. If Germany were controlled by men of less absurd pride and ridiculous pretensions she would not feel such intense hatred, but unfortunately for the world and more particularly for the Germans themselves the leaders of the German nation, from the Kaiser downwards, are obsessed by the idea that Germans are superior to any other nation in the world. Hallucinations, it is thus apparent, are not confined to the mentally deranged, but it must be conceded that the Germans certainly show method in their madness. The Germans, governed by a sort of medieval bureaucracy that no spirited people would tolerate for a day, have allowed themselves to be drilled into being a nation of soldiers. Their great success in commerce has made them, next to the British, the wealthiest of European nations, and consequently they have been able to maintain a vast army and a very large navy. Their intolerable arrogance has been their worst enemy, for with that swagger ever prevalent in the parvenue—and the present German Empire is nothing more than a parvenue among the old nations of Europe—they could not disguise their real intentions, and, indeed, hardly ever attempted to do so. If ever pride has brought a nation to its downfall, such is the case to-day with Germany. The Germans hate England because they envy her, not only envy her her world Empire that is founded on justice and liberty and on those democratic principles essential to all states that seek to be enduring, but the arrogant Prussian in his heart envies Britain those really great qualities that have made them what they are—the happy, contented and peaceable possessors of the greatest Empire the world has ever known. And the Britons of to-day, like the Britons of old, are well able to look after their

interests, protect their noble heritage, fearing not the malicious calumnies nor the destructive tendencies of such a nation as that of Germany—a nation under the domination of a small body of individuals whose actions are more in keeping with medieval times. Until Germany throws aside this survival of feudalism, this tyranny of a privileged and a dominating caste she will never be like England, France and the United States—greater nations than Germany in every respect and in nothing greater than that they govern themselves, through their chosen representatives, and are guided in their actions towards themselves and towards others by that spirit in keeping with the enlightened age in which we live—a spirit inculcated by a belief in justice, in liberty and fair-play all round.

CRUZ BASTOS AFFAIRS.

Questions of Court Procedure.

The Chief Justice, Sir William Ross Davies, K.C., sitting in Bankruptcy Jurisdiction this morning, made a receiving order in bankruptcy against Cruz Bastos and Company. The application was made by Mr. Needham (of Evans and Needham).

Mr. Leo D'Almeida rose to address the court, but Mr. Needham objected that he had no locus standi, and could not be heard.

Mr. D'Almeida contended that he was in order. He asked for an adjournment.

Mr. Needham: I object to my friend appearing at all. He has no right to be heard.

Mr. D'Almeida said he was there to satisfy his curiosity that there was no sufficient cause to make an order. His Lordship could only be satisfied by some of the evidence appearing. He represented all creditors whose claims aggregated \$2,000.

Mr. Needham said it had been held that creditors had no locus standi.

Mr. F. J. O'Neil, rising at the solicitor's table, addressed his Lordship. He said it had been held that a creditor had always locus standi to apply to the court for an order for the information of the court. It was very important that it should be so.

Mr. D'Almeida agreed, and said he thought his Lordship would hear him.

Mr. Needham objected that Mr. D'Almeida was merely opposing his application.

The Lordship said he thought the custom was that creditors applied to the making of a receiving order notified the Official Receiver as an officer of the court, and then if he saw sufficient ground the Official Receiver asked the court to refuse to make the order.

Mr. D'Almeida agreed but pointed out that sometimes the Official Receiver took the opposite view. It was very important that a receiving order should not be made in circumstances unfavourable to the creditors, as such orders could not be rescinded.

His Lordship asked if any information had been received by the Official Receiver in this case?

The Official Receiver (Mr. A. F. Carmichael) said he had talked the matter over with Mr. Gray and Mr. D'Almeida. Mr. D'Almeida's argument was that the order was a very weak one, did not ask him to oppose it.

His Lordship observed that if he went into the matter at all he must go into it fully. The proper step would be for the Official Receiver to put the facts before the Official Receiver, who could then state what view he took.

Mr. D'Almeida said he was prepared to set out the facts on affidavit if his Lordship granted an adjournment. Since August there had been numerous judgments against the firm and one of the partners, Leonis Shin Kong, a well-known substantial man, had been forced into bankruptcy. It was shown that the assets were \$2,000. The assets of the firm and this partner were to be sold, and an offer of \$100,000 had been received. He submitted that if an order were made it would be a relief to the sale of the person negotiating would probably reduce his offer if the firm he was purchasing was a bankrupt firm.

His Lordship said these were all matters which should have been brought to the notice of the Official Receiver.

Mr. D'Almeida submitted that the only person the application for a receiving order was made was that the offer for the purchase of the business might be crippled.

The Official Receiver: That is a grave allegation to make.

Mr. O'Neil contended that the question if there was any cause now. He suggested that if the order were made the two bankruptcies might be amalgamated.

Mr. D'Almeida maintained that if he had no locus standi the Official Receiver was in the same position.

His Lordship: What better position will you be put in if the matter is adjourned?

Mr. D'Almeida: The prospective purchaser will go on with the purchase.

Mr. Needham: He will go on in any case.

The Official Receiver said he was convinced that an order would not affect the sale. Cruz Bastos and Co. had been known to be insolvent for a long time. A receiver was appointed in August, and to say that an order would decrease the value of the goodwill was ridiculous.

Mr. D'Almeida said he had instructions from the intending purchaser to say so. He again questioned the Official Receiver's locus standi.

The Official Receiver said he was in the same position as the Official Receiver in England.

His Lordship said both his predecessor and he had always assumed that to be so and had acted upon the assumption. He would make a receiving order.

The steamer Bodavly, homeward bound from Nanking with frozen meat, put into Shanghai on November 23 owing to the ice in her cargo-hatch being jammed. The ship was moored at the wharf in the lower harbour and the cargo was discharged into lighters, the fire being extinguished without the ship having sustained any damage. After reloading the cargo was sent on to Hongkong on November 30.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Italian cruise "Marco Polo" is due here tomorrow from Shanghai on route to the Red Sea.

The Hongkong Government has sent to Canton two reports and seven memoranda together with a letter to H.H.M. Consul-General at Canton.

Until the middle of November the British North Borneo residents had subscribed \$12,442.93 to the "Prince of Wales" War Relief Fund.

The London "Daily Telegraph" is Shilling fund for a Christmas Gift to King Albert for the Belgium people amounted on Nov. 2 to 978,888 shillings; or £18,941, 8 s.

The members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong are to be shown round the gasworks by Mr. J. McCubbin, resident engineer, on Saturday afternoon.

A small matchbox was destroyed by fire at a Vauxhall last night. Damage to the extent of \$30 was done. It is believed that the fire was caused by the over-heating of a kerosene lamp.

Mr. Roche of the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., has reported to the Police that some person has stolen from the empty dwelling known as Alpha House, Kowloon, brass fittings valued at \$20.

A silk merchant, living at the Hon Hop-then-loung-house, 82, Connaught Road Central, reports that during the night of Tuesday some person stole from his room a leather box containing 29 pieces of clothing valued at \$127.

The body of a Chinaman, who was burnt to death, probably accidentally, while in his own house in a Chinese street in the Central District, has been sent to the Public Mortuary. The facts have been placed before the Coroner, Mr. F. Hazelard.

The two ironworkers Markman and Engineer, which were built for the Russian Government by the Kiangnan Dock, arrived safely at Vladivostok, under their own steam, on November 15, after a hazardous passage during which the little vessels suffered splendidly.

Owing to the lack of docking facilities for a large ship at Nagasaki, the Japanese battleship "Kikishiki" has been towed to Saebao for completion. The No. 3 dock, though long enough, was found to be too narrow for the warship's great beam. The Mitsu Bishi contemplates enlarging the dock sufficiently to permit of the largest vessels being dry-docked at Nagasaki.

A fire broke out on board the Blue Funnel steamer "Titan," homeward bound from Victoria (B.C.) and Japan, while at Port Said on October 17 that was not extinguished until serious damage had been done to the cargo. The fire was eventually extinguished on October 19 and the discharge of the damaged cargo commenced.

Trade on the coast continues brisk and the liners are as busy as they can be with their regular business, both from coast and river ports. Advice from the South shows an advance in rates all round, and quite a number of vessels have been fixed recently on "time-charter" for various periods at paying rates, says a Shanghai paper.

A Chinese woman reported to the Police this morning that about 9 p.m. last night four men armed with revolvers entered her home at 45, Queen's Road, and after gagging her and threatening her and binding her son and the maid servant, stole jewellery valued at \$471, clothing valued at \$8, and \$1,000 in money. The Police made enquiries and found that the report was false.

The last steamer to leave Newchwang for the season was the China Merchants steamer Anping, which crossed the Bar on November 29 and landed her pilot at Daiken. The river was then full of drifting ice and it was anticipated that, with the cold then setting in which reduced the temperature to 14° Fahr. it would soon be entirely closed. The Japanese steamer Yaita Maru was seen ashore on the Bar flying signals of distress but was being attended to by another Japanese steamer that cleared on the same tide as the Anping and which was making preparations to tow her off before she could be caught in the ice.

The residents living in the vicinity of Cameron Road, Carnarvon Road and Kimberley Villas have long been subjected to the annoyance of petty thefts from clothes lines and of other small articles. This morning five Chinese street urchins, who were recognised as "beggars," were charged with various thefts. The articles produced in Court included European and Chinese garments and a bicycle. The defendants all pleaded guilty. The first two were ordered to receive nine strokes with the birch and the other three six strokes each.

Inspector Gordon informed the magistrate that the boys were in the habit of collecting litter in the locality. The first two defendants generally kept watch while they sent the smaller boys to steal the clothes spread out on the different lawns to dry. The smaller boys had pawed the goods.

The Magistrate warned the pawnbrokers against accepting articles which were obviously stolen.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Cheralier Volpicelli, Italian Consul, is visiting Yunnan province.

The death is reported of Captain J. W. Smith, one of the best known mariners on the Pacific coast, and for the last thirteen years principal of the South Nautical School. He was a native of Dundee, and was born in 1850. Captain Smith was formerly master of the Pacific Lines Victoria and Tacoma.

We regret to record the death, at Vancouver, on November 26, of Mr. H. D. Hooley at the age of 48, says "Shipping and Engineering." Mr. Hooley, who was extremely popular with all who knew him, came to Shanghai as second officer of the C.P.R. steamer "Monte Alegre" and served some time in the ships of the China Navigation Company. Leaving the sea, he became wharfinger on the China Merchants' Lower Wharf, and subsequently the Whampoa Wharf, leaving that to take over the management of the China Merchants' Wharf. He was in the Whampoa Wharf of the China Navigation Co. and left there in July last owing to a breakdown in his health.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A. Chapman, V.D.

Officers having outstanding accounts are requested to forward same and also the financial year ends on the 31st instant.

USUFRUCTUARY BENEFITS. Officers Commanding Companies or Sections will furnish a list of all recruits who have not fired Part I (Instructional), or who have fired and made less than 60 points. This return to be sent in by 5 p.m. on Friday.

SQUADRON SECTION.

Class I will parade on the Cricket Ground at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for Lamp practice and on Saturdays at 7 a.m. for flag or rifle practice.

Class II will parade on the Cricket Ground at 7 a.m. on Mondays for flag practice, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for Lamp practice and Saturdays at 7 a.m. for flag or rifle practice.

Class III will parade on the Cricket Ground at 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays for flag practice.

PROMOTIONS.

Sgt. G. Dunne, Centre Section, M.G. Co. is promoted to be Sergt. Major dated 9.12.14.

The following promotions in the Engineer Co. will take effect from to-day's date.

Sapper Harrington to be Corporal.

Sapper Eldridge to be Lt. Corp.

Sapper Middleton Smith and J. Lennox Reserve Section to be Corp.

RESIGNATION.

Sapper W. H. Saunders is permitted to resign dated 18.11.14.

MUSKETRY (STANDARD TEST).

The undermentioned Sections will fire Part II of the Musketry Course as follows:—

Jan. 2, R.G.A. v. Police, Military Ground.

Jan. 9, Club v. Police, Military Ground.

Jan. 16, R.G.A. v. Club, Club Ground.

Jan. 23, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jan. 30, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Feb. 6, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Feb. 13, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Feb. 20, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Feb. 27, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Mar. 6, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Mar. 13, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

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Mar. 27, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Apr. 3, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

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Apr. 17, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Apr. 24, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

May 1, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

May 8, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

May 15, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

May 22, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

May 29, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jun. 5, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jun. 12, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jun. 19, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jun. 26, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jul. 3, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

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Jul. 17, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jul. 24, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Jul. 31, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Aug. 7, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Aug. 14, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Aug. 21, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Aug. 28, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Sep. 4, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Sep. 11, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

Sep. 18, Club v. Police, Club Ground.

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SPORTING.

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. C.O.C.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against Craighower on Saturday, 12th December—play to commence at 2.15 p.m.—R. Hancock (Captain), R. N. Anderson, C. A. Hooper, R. Kennedy, P. S. Leigh Bennett, M. M. Mass, E. J. R. Mitchell, T. E. Pearce, E. B. Reed, R. A. Stokes, and K. P. Thurstfield.

FOOTBALL.

The following team will represent the Hongkong Club against the Navy, on the Club Ground on Saturday. Kick off, 4 p.m.—Jasper Clark, M. L. Raiton, J. McCubbin, C. B. Ward, W. D. Ripden, R. F. Long, G. A. Robinson, J. Tod, J. Stalker, C. Mycock, W. V. Pennell.

Hongkong Club's Practice Match.

An inter-club football match, which evoked a great deal of local interest and brought out several new players took place last evening at Happy Valley on the Hongkong Club's enclosure. The captain (Mr. J. Stalker) ranged an eleven against one selected by the Vice-captain (Mr. W. Pennell).

There was much of interest in the game despite a general scrappiness. Pennell's team was much the stronger in all departments and the shooting was very good. Willie found the net twice in the first half, Pennell adding on a third and hopping on two more in the second half. Pennell's team was easily five goals to one.

Saturday's Fixtures.

Two important League matches are to be played on Saturday. The Hongkong Club XI are opposing the Navy and spectators can be assured of an exhilarating game. The Club intend fielding the same team as last Saturday, with the exception of the goal keeper who left for Hong last Friday. The Police will meet the R.G.A. and a tough battle is expected. Both teams have high notions about their chances of success and the game should be a good one.

Hongkong Football League.

A list of the League fixtures as arranged is appended:

Dec. 12, Police v. R.G.A. Military Ground.

Dec. 12, Club v. Navy, Club Ground.

Dec. 19, Navy v. R.G.A. Navy Ground.

Dec. 19, Police v. Club Military Ground.

Dec. 26, Exhibition match Army and Navy v. Hongkong Club Ground.

Jan. 2, Navy v. Club, Navy Ground.

Jan. 9, Police v. Police, Military Ground.

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Jan. 16, R.G.A. v. Club, Club Ground.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

GREAT BRITISH NAVAL VICTORY.

THREE GERMAN VESSELS SUNK.

It is officially announced that the German warships "Scharnhorst," "Leipzig," and the "Gneissau" have been sunk by a British Squadron.

No details are yet to hand, but it is absolutely certain that the German Far Eastern Squadron has sustained a crushing defeat entirely at the hands of a British Squadron.

The news to hand, besides giving the particulars above mentioned, also states that the German warship "Nuremberg" and another German warship "are being pursued."

The action appears just to have taken place near the Falkland Islands, which lie to the extreme south-east of South America.

The British casualties are believed to have been comparatively small.

The "Scharnhorst" and the "Gneissau" are sister armoured cruisers each with a displacement of 11,420 tons and a designed I.H.P. of 26,000. The "Scharnhorst" was completed in 1907 and the "Gneissau" in 1908. The "Scharnhorst" carried 22.7 inch and the "Gneissau" 21.0 inch. Each carried eight 5.9 inch quick-firers, six 5.0 inch quick-firers, twenty 3.4 inch quick-firers, and 18 smaller quick-firers according to the Navy League Annual.

Both vessels probably carried between 700 and 800 men. The "Leipzig" is of the protected cruiser class and of similar type to the "Bresen". She was one of seven ships built to a specified displacement of 3,200 tons, and was completed in 1905, along with "Lubeck III". She bore a designed I.H.P. of 10,000 and had a registered speed of 23 knots. She was armed with four 4.1 inch quick-firers and sixteen smaller quick-firers.

The "Nuremberg" is a protected cruiser and sister ship to the "Königsberg" with a displacement of 3,250 tons. She was completed in 1908 and had a designed I.H.P. of 12,200. Her speed was 23.5 knots and she carried ten 4.1 inch quick-firers and two machine guns.—Ed.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LATEST NEWS FROM POLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 8.15 a.m.
An official telegram from Petrograd states that the fighting which had developed at Praszka and Zichenau between Warsaw and Mława has not yet finished. Fighting also occurred in the region of Prokrow where we had partial successes.

The battle which began on the 5th inst. south-east of Cracow, between Wislica and the river Dniestr, is developing in our favour.

Our reinforcements gallantly forced a passage at Dunajetz near Novosandec and severely defeated the Right Wing of the German Army, which was engaged in a turning movement.

We have captured guns and prisoners and continue the offensive.

(Official Telegram from French Government via Peking.)

On the 7th inst. the German activity was more marked in Ypres region and in Ypres neighbourhood. The Germans bombarded the town of Oost Dinkerke, situated 4 kilometres west of Neuport, and the district east of Ypres. The allied artillery replied with success. A brilliant attack in the Arns region permitted the Allies to become masters of Vermelles and Ruitore. This occupation was completed by an offensive movement which is still progressing against the German trenches between Vermelles and the La Bassée canal and is very important for the conduct of future operations. French heavy artillery dispersed several gatherings of Germans. Rheims was not bombarded by the Germans, but an enemy aviator dropped three bombs, which did very little damage. French progress continues in the Laguerie Forest.

DEATH OF GENERAL BEYERS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
It is officially announced in Pretoria that General Beyers, the leader of the Transvaal revolt, is dead.

THE END OF A TRAITOR.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 11.40 p.m.
A telegram from Pretoria states officially that during a short engagement on the banks of the Vaal, General Beyers with others endeavoured to cross the river. General Beyers fell from his horse, drifted down stream, and disappeared under the water. It is believed that he was wounded in the earlier part of the fight.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 12.45 a.m.
This evening's Paris official communiqué states that a violent German attack on St. Eloi, south of Ypres, was repulsed. A vigorous struggle is still continuing in Arzonne.

THE FIGHTING IN SERBIA.

Austrians Retreating Everywhere.

LONDON, Dec. 9, 1.20 p.m.
A Serbian communiqué issued at Nish says that the Serbian Army has assumed a heroic offensive along the entire front, and the enemy are retreating everywhere, leaving many prisoners and guns, and great quantities of war material. We captured at the place 2,000 men and the Colours and Band of the 22nd Regiment.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(British Foreign Office Telegrams.)

KING GEORGE REVIEWS THE BELGIAN ARMY.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
Before leaving France, H.M. King George bestowed the Order of the Garter on the King of the Belgians and reviewed the Belgian Army.

GREAT BRITAIN, AND BELGIAN NEUTRALITY.

With reference to statements implying that Great Britain contemplated a violation of the neutrality of Belgium, the Foreign Office has issued the record of a conversation between Sir E. Grey and the Belgian Minister in London in April, 1913.

The Belgian Minister said there was a certain amount of apprehension that England, in case of war, would violate Belgian neutrality.

Sir E. Grey answered that he was sure no British Government would ever do so, nor would public opinion approve it. What England desired in the case of Belgium and other neutral countries was that their neutrality should be respected.

HEALTHY STATE OF BRITISH TRADE.

Employment in the United Kingdom showed continued improvement in October. Returns from firms employing over four million men show the number out of work to be practically no greater than before the war, making allowance for those who have joined the Army. In trades compulsorily insured against unemployment the percentage of the out of work had decreased steadily since the beginning of September, and is now less than at the same time last year. All available information shows that the recovery of British industry from the unsettled conditions due to the war will be rapid and complete.

MORE PROOF OF PAN-GERMANIC TREACHERY.

Signor Giolitti, formerly Prime Minister of Italy, in the course of a speech, said that in August, 1913, Austria, in accord with Germany, communicated to Italy her intention of attacking Serbia and invoking Italian aid under the terms of the Triple Alliance. Italy pointed out to Germany and Austria that it was not a *cassis foederis*.

This is further proof that the Serbian coup had been arranged long before the assassination of the Archduke.

BOMBARDMENT OF BELGIAN COAST RESUMED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
According to Dutch papers, the Allies' Fleet on Monday resumed the bombardment of the Belgian coast to support the advances from Mauthoven to Ostend.

The Dutch papers continue to report considerable movements of German troops. 50,000 fresh troops are shortly expected at Antwerp where an attempt by the Allies to retake the city is expected.

WAR GIFTS FROM THE BRITISH DOMINIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
Correspondence relating to War Gifts by the Dominions and Colonies is published to-night and forms a most impressive volume on the Empire's loyalty. The Council of the Gold Coast resolved to defray the cost of the capture of Togoland, £60,000, and further voted £80,000 as a contribution to the Imperial war expenses in 1915.

BIG SERBIAN VICTORY.

LONDON, Dec. 8.
The Nish Press Bureau announces that along the whole front success of the Serbian army is reported. On every front the Austrian-Hungarian armies have been repulsed, and 2,400 officers and men, and a large quantity of booty have been captured. On one of the fronts four of the enemy's batteries have been captured.

THE EMDEN'S SORRY FLIGHT.

GRUESOME SPECTACLE AT KEELING.

A representative of the "China Mail" has had a talk with a former member of the auxiliary crew of H.M.S. Empress of Asia.

The "Emden," he said, was riddled from stem to stern. Her bow was buried in a spongy coral reef and she was rocking in a strong surf. When the "Asia" left her she was burning in the after hold. Her bridge was in shreds, holes pierced her plate armour and her funnels were like sieves. The bodies of 200 men were still on the deck and about the ship, while 14 others were lying on the north shore.

The "Asia" arrived on the scene about 21 hours after the action between the "Emden" and H.M.A.S. Sydney, and stood by for a week until the arrival of H.M.S. Cadmus to which ship was assigned the work of removing the ammunition and the decomposed bodies. Steaming at 23 knots the "Sydney" approached the Coos Islands and opened fire on the "Emden" at 11,000 yards. The "Emden" replied, and catching the "Sydney" when she came into range, blew away her controls. The "Sydney" steamed into safety but her long range guns played havoc on the "Emden" which was fast going ashore. At present the "Emden" lies helplessly on the reef and daylight peers through her bulwarks—a picture of a terrible battle.

The party of Germans, two officers and 24 men, who were on the island when the action took place escaped in a schooner belonging to the Telegraph Company, and although a long search was conducted they were not found. It is believed they reached Batavia.

Our informant added that the telegraph staff on the island deserved the highest commendation in locating the "Emden" and sending out the information with such promptitude.

IRON CROSS AND GOOSESTEP.

Amsterdam, Nov. 1.
A Munich telegram received here, via Berlin, states that King Leopold of Bavaria, in the name of the other German Emperors, has asked the Kaiser to accept the Iron Cross of the first and second class in honour of the German army. The Emperor, in expressing his thanks, said, he would accept the decoration in recognition of the determination and bravery of all the German tribes in the fight for Germany's honour.—Reuter.

WHIPPING COUGH.

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.
Advisers from Berlin state that, according to the Lokalanzeiger, on Oct. 29 the Kaiser held a review behind the battle-line. Addressing the men, his Imperial Majesty expressed his pleasure at seeing one of his best Brandenburg regiments, and said: "The enemy will be beaten in all circumstances." After the customary march past with the goosestep there was a short field service.—Reuter.

ROCKEFELLER HELP FOR STARVING BELGIUM.

A Towering Example.
Americans strongly endorse the action of the Rockefeller Foundation, which is endowed with £20,000,000, in the proposal to render systematic help to destitute non-combatants, and the first step of the undertaking, represented by the departure to-morrow of the steamship Massapequa, for Rotterdam, with 4,000 tons of flour, rice, and beans, is regarded as welcome evidence of the magnitude of the relief contemplated, writes the New York correspondent of the London "Daily Telegraph" to that paper under date November 2. The despatch of the Massapequa represents an outlay of approximately £50,000, but the need of the destitute Belgians alone is estimated at over £20,000,000 a month, and the Rockefeller Foundation, "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world," contemplates non-combatants of all the nations in Europe involved by the war.

I understand that the announcement of help by the Rockefeller Foundation would have been made before, but the directors were of opinion that such an announcement would have discouraged relief by other agencies and funds, all of which are as vitally necessary now as before. The Rockefeller, father and son, have plainly indicated that any diminution of effort by agencies and funds now generously working to secure relief for non-combatants, more especially the Belgians, who have been the most cruelly hit by the war, would be regarded by them as disastrous. The need of the case they recognise as so illimitable and unpalatable that no agency or fund, or private individual, should relax exertion, but should redouble their efforts.

This aspect of the case is put very clearly to-day by the New York World, which says: "The Rockefeller millions will all be needed, and more besides. The state of the homeless Belgians speaks first and most imperatively. Our Ambassador, Dr. Page, cables from London that he has never known such a case of need. 'Many,' he says, 'will starve now before food can reach them.' Within three weeks 7,000,000 wanderers in that devastated land will face death unless outside help comes. It is a matter not only of giving, but of giving quickly. It is a matter, moreover, appealing more strongly than ever to the individual charity of the American people, which must not be dulled, but which is stimulated, by the towering example of a single private fortune."

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WHEN your child has a coughing fit, be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as early as you can. This remedy will also soothe the inflamed throat and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotics or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

OBITUARY.

Mr. Wm. Rockhill.

LONDON, Dec. 9.
The death is announced of Mr. William Rockhill at Honolulu, while en route for Peking to act as Adviser to President Yuan Shih Kai.

(It will be remembered that Mr. Rockhill was for several years the representative of the United States in Peking.—Ed.)

MORTGAGED STEAMERS.

A Broker's Claim.

Commission for a mortgage arranged in respect of the steamship Wing On formed the subject of a claim by Lau Siu Pak, a broker living at 60, Wellington Street, against Chan Lai Sang of 62, Lee Yuen Street, Kait, coal merchant and owner of the vessel. The claim was for \$450.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. W. B. King, of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's office, for defendant.

Plaintiff said he was introduced to defendant, who told him he wished to have arranged a first mortgage of \$30,000 on the Wing On, carrying interest of 1.5 per cent. a month. Plaintiff said he would find a mortgagee for commission of \$450, later he gave defendant the name of a banker who was willing to lend the money. On October 23 the parties met at the office of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, after signing a contract. Collateral security was offered in place of insurance. Defendant produced some Canton title deeds which were refused, and then he offered the steamship Wing On, which was accepted. The matter was left to solicitors, who found out that both these steamships already had a first mortgage on them, so the matter fell through. Plaintiff was not paid his commission.

Cross-examined: He knew that the Wing On was worth over \$1,000; she was only six months old. Defendant did not say that she cost over \$200,000 to build.

Defendant said he instructed the broker that he wanted to raise further money on his ship and did not speak of a first mortgage. That was the broker's mistake.

Judgment was entered for plaintiff with costs.

LI PAK'S FAILURE.

Adjourned Public Examination.

Li Pak, a member of the well-known Li family, attended at the Supreme Court this morning for his adjourned public examination before the Chief Justice, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.

Debtor was examined by Mr. Sayer, assistant Official Receiver, who mentioned that the liabilities were returned at \$461,000 and the estimated assets at \$161,000.

Debtor said the reason of his bankruptcy was the failure of the Yick Loong Bank some ten years ago. This bank and the Lai Hing Bank were managed by his father, and two years after the latter's death debtor managed both businesses. They only lasted three years under his management. Debtor's brother advanced money to restart the bank, and afterwards sued him to recover it. Debtor did not defend any of these actions, and the judgments represented a very large proportion of his present liabilities. In his statement of affairs he estimated the value of private property at about \$20,000, and his share in the family property in the New Territory—Cne-nigh—at \$50,000.

ADMINISTRATION OF SAMOA.

Colonel Robert Logan, a native of Dunelm, Berwickshire, has been appointed (the British Government is informed) British Administrator of Samoa in place of the deceased German Governor, Dr. Schulz. Colonel Logan belongs to an old Border family of agriculturists, and was educated at Welfield Academy, Dunelm. He became a farmer in the Otago province of New Zealand, and he formed the Maniototo Mounted Rifles, afterwards commanding the 1st Battalion of Otago Mounted Rifles Brigade, and later got the command of the 6th Regiment of Otago Hussars in New Zealand. He next entered the permanent service of the New Zealand Government, and became Commandant of the Auckland Military District of the Dominion.

The Otago Shoten Kaisha has been negotiating with the Japanese Department of Communications about opening a new bi-weekly service between Kobe and Tientsin with two steamers of 400 tons. A reply from the Department of Communications says that Tientsin is at present under the administration of the army and besides there is no budget for extraordinary subsidies. But from the next fiscal year the government will give subsidies for both South Sea and Tientsin lines so that the steamship company will commence the Tientsin line when Kiocho Bay is opened by the military authorities.

Addressing the Grand Jury at Worcesterhire Assizes Mr. Justice Ridy said that when we had victory in the European war we must make an end of spies. The German nation appeared to dream that they could conquer Europe by a system of espionage. We would have no more of that. Secondly, he hoped that with regard to the outrages committed in Belgium, we should insist that some officers of the German army should be hanged in the streets of Louvain.

In the King's Bench Division recently in an action for damages for personal injury brought by a steeple, an adjournment was applied for on the ground that the chief officer of the vessel—now on active service with the Austrian army—could not be traced.

The Judge: "When are you likely to get hold of him? (laughter)."

Counsel: "If you can give me the date when the Russians are likely to occupy Vienna I will answer (laughter)."

The application has refused.

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REPORT.

DECEMBER 10, 1914.—A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
Victoria	7.30	30.45	15	—	—	—	—
Namuro	8.30	30.35	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	9.30	30.15	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	10.30	30.25	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	11.30	30.31	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	12.30	30.35	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	13.30	30.33	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	14.30	30.29	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	15.30	30.25	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	16.30	30.15	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	17.30	30.15	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	18.30	30.15	—	—	—	—	—
Taipei	19.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	20.30	30.09	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	21.30	30.08	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	22.30	30.05	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	23.30	30.10	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	24.30	30.10	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	25.30	30.17	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	26.30	30.17	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	27.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	28.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	29.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Taipei	30.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	31.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	32.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	33.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	34.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	35.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	36.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	37.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	38.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	39.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	40.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Taipei	41.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	42.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	43.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	44.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	45.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	46.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	47.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	48.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	49.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	50.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	51.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Taipei	52.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	53.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	54.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	55.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	56.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	57.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	58.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	59.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	60.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	61.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	62.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Taipei	63.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	64.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	65.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	66.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	67.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	68.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	69.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	70.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	71.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	72.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	73.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
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Peking	82.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	83.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
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Taipei	85.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	86.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	87.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	88.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	89.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Cebu	90.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	91.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	92.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Peking	93.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	94.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	95.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Taipei	96.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Yokohama	97.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Tokyo	98.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Kobe	99.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	100.30	30.14	—	—	—	—	—

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1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit

on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit

and in Roman numerals, in percentages of saturation, the

humidity of air, according to the method being used.

3. DIRECTION OF WIND, in two points.

4. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's Scale.

5. STATE OF SKY, in blue sky detached clouds, light

drizzle, rain, fog, squalls, etc., and lightning.

6. STATE OF SEA, in smooth, choppy, rough, and

calm, and in the height of the tide.

7. HAZE, in haze, smoke and mist.

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